GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4292
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PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOTMENT OF STD ISD PCO BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications lying pending with the Government for allotment of the STD/ISD/PCO booths under the physically handicapped category in various cities/places in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the norms prescribed for allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths under the said category; and

(c) the number of STD/ISD/PCO booths sanctioned and allotted in the State during the last three years, district- wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, as on 31.07.2005, no application is lying pending with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths under the physically handicapped category in Chhattisgarh.

(b) PCOs are liberally allotted to all the applicants of 18 years of age or above without any restriction and are on demand in feasible areas. However, where there is waiting list of STD/ISD/PCOs, preference is given in allotment of PCOs to handicapped along with other categories in the following order:-

(i) War-widows/dependants

(ii) SC/ST

(iii) Handicapped persons

(iv) Ex-Servicemen.

(c) The number of STD/ISD/PCO booths sanctioned and allotted in the state during the last three years, Secondary Switching Area (SSA)-wise are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

NUMBER OF STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS PROVIDED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS viz.2002-03, 2003-04 AND 2004-05 IN CHHATTISGARH

SL NO	NAME OF SSA	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NUMBER OF PCOs PROVIDED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS (UNDER ALL CATEGORIES)		
			LOCAL	STD/ISD	TOTAL
1.	BILASPUR	BILASPUR	188	1014	1202
		KORBA			
		JANGIR-CHAMPA			
2.	DURG	DURG	59	428	487
		KAWARDHA			
		RAJNANDGAON			
3.	BASTER	BASTER	72	542	614

		KANKER			
		DANTEWADA			
4.	RAIGARH	RAIGARH	115	452	567
		JASHPUR			
5.	SURGUJA	SURGUJA, KOREA	217	392	609
6.	RAIPUR	RAIPUR	82	733	815
		MAHASAMUND			
		DHAMTARI			
	TOTAL		733	3561	4294

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